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*2249 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Collector of Kanyakumari district or the Superintendent of Police has communicated to the Government regarding the auditing and investigation of S.T. Hindu College, Association accounts.

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) the date of the communcation and the decision of the Government?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) A report from the Superintendant of Police, Kanyakumari district, has been received.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : With regard to question 2249, may I request the Hon. Minister to give the answer to (*c*) viz., the date of the communication?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The reply to (*b*) & (*c*) is as follows :—

" The matter is under consideration ".

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Can the date of communication be also under consideration of Government?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : We do not find the date here in the note.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : In reply to question 2248, the Hon. Minister said that on three counts the Secretary of the Association has been charge-sheeted. May I know the number of cases registered? I know application has been made for audit of accounts to the Home Department and I understand the Home Department has referred the matter to the Education Department. It is pending for a long time. May I know the reasons for the delay?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The charge sheet was laid in respect of three items, viz., Rs. 490, Rs. 2,150 and Rs. 1,795 said to have been misappropriated on 23rd March 1957, 25th March 1957 and 8th June 1957. The Magistrate acquitted the accused because of the discrepancy in the evidence. The matter has to be fully considered after audit is made. The Management themselves have submitted audited accounts but it is found that the brother of the person concerned is the auditor. That is why the matter whether a fresh audit has to be made by an independent authority is under consideration.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether accounts of this institution have been audited annually? May I know whether any observation has been made by the auditor stating that the

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former Secretary has token any amount? If so, what exactly is the amount the Secretary had taken for his own use and whether the Secretary has after all remitted any amount?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One auditor has certified that it has been duly audited and the accounts were in order. As I already stated, the auditor seems to be an interested person, related to the party concerned. Therefore it might become necessary to have a fresh aduit by a disinterested auditor.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the audit was done only after the case were registered and the whole thing went to the Court recently? For the past four or five years, the accounts were not audited.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is only after a direction that the accounts should be audited was issued, this audit was made. But even that audit was done by the brother of the party concerned. That is why whether a fresh audit should be made is under consideration.

Engineering Colleges

* 2250 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI) : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி, சேலம், கன்னியாகுமரி, திருநெல்வேலி ஆகிய இடங்களில் பொறியியல் கல்லூரிகள் அமைக்க திட்டமுண்டா?

(இ) அவைகள் எப்போது அமைக்கப்படும்?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It is proposed to start a Regional Engineering College by the Government of India at Tiruchirappalli. The question of opening Engineering Colleges at two other places is also under consideration. The Budget mentions about the opening of an engineering college at Salem.

(*b*) They will be started as and when Government of India approve the proposals.

Engineering Colleges (admission)

* 2251 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of students admitted in all the Engineering Colleges in the State for the years 1959–60, 1960–61 and for 1961–62;

(*b*) how many candidates belonging to the Schedule Castes were selected for each year; and

(*c*) the total number of seats allotted to the Scheduled Castes for each year?